

February 11, 2020

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Victory Gardens, held on February 11, 2020.

Mayor Holeman called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country.

Please remain standing for a moment of silence for our military.

This meeting has been advertised in one newspaper, The Daily Record, in compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act.

ATTENDANCE: Councilwoman Cheatham, Councilwoman Hedgepath, Councilwoman Garcia Montes.

ABSENT: Councilman Glass, Councilwoman White, Councilman Lorenzo.

*** Attorney Feintuch was also present at this meeting.

Motion to accept the minutes of 1/28/2020 & 2/4/2020. Motion made by Councilwoman Cheatham, seconded by Councilwoman Montes and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ANDERSON & DENZLER - I have 2 items from Leon. The first one is that he went out for quotes on the removal of 19 trees on Franklin Road. The quotes are supposed to be back to me by 2/21/2020. He sent out to 9 different tree companies.

The second thing is a quote for 5 inlet repairs on Franklin Road. This quote also has to be in to me by 2/21/2020. He sent out to 10 different companies.

TOWNSHIP OF FREDON - The Mayor from the Township sent a letter regarding school board elections. The last 8 years the school board elections have been moved from April to November. With this being done, the voters have not been able to vote on the school budgets. The State has been approving the budgets. Since 60% or more of our tax dollars go to the schools, he wants the elections moved back to April so that the voters can vote on the budgets. He wants to know if he has the backing of any other governing bodies within the State.

The Clerk was instructed to send a letter to the Mayor of Fredon Township that we agree with him.

Motion to send the letter by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

FEINTUCH, PORWICH & FEINTUCH - I have reviewed the proposed agreement regarding the renewal shared services with the Town of Dover. I consulted with the Clerk and reviewed the documents. I find it to be in order and recommend it be approved by the Council and signed by the Mayor.

Motion to accept the correspondence as received by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

VOUCHERS:

Councilwoman Montes said there is a voucher in here for VSP and it isn't on the voucher listing. I think it was from January the Clerk said. It probably got put in there by mistake.

There were no other questions on the vouchers. The Mayor asked for a motion to pay the bills.

Motion to pay the vouchers by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

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VOUCHER REPORTSDate of Council Meeting:
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<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Payable to:</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2/1/2020	Cargill, Inc.	Streets & Roads	1,985.60
2/2/2020	CEUnion	Clerk OE	95.00
2/3/2020	CEUnion	Clerk OE	95.00
2/4/2020	Daily Record	Clerk OE	77.83
2/5/2020	Dell Marketing LP	203 Clerk OE - Computers	4750.00
2/6/2020	Glass Gardens, Inc. - ShopRite	Recreation 2019	471.36
2/7/2020	Institute for Professional Developmen	Clerk OE	125.00
2/8/2020	JCP&L	Fire OE	93.18
2/9/2020	JCP&L	Utilities - Borough Hall	396.35
2/10/2020	NJ Health Benefits	Group Insurance	4,809.80
2/11/2020	NJNG	Fire OE	223.00
2/12/2020	NJNG	Utilities - Borough Hall	736.00
2/13/2020	Professional Gov't Ed., Inc.	Clerk OE	95.00
2/14/2020	R&L DataCenters, Inc.	Finance	561.00
2/15/2020	Rolf's Office Machine	Clerk OE	155.00
2/16/2020	Verizon - 263-0001-56	Utilities - 361-8121	70.54
2/17/2020	Verizon - 7536	Utilities - 366-7536	60.28
		TOTAL	14,799.94

NEW BUSINESS:

BUDGET MEETING - Reminder - budget meeting on 2/18/2020 at 6:00 p.m..

OLD BUSINESS:

SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF DOVER/FIRE/EMS -

The Attorney said everything is in order with the agreement. Deb had a few questions that she asked me to look at and everything is okay.

Councilwoman Montes asked about the price. It is the same as we have been paying. The whole agreement is the same as it was last time we signed the contract with them. If they expand their services then we will have to pay a percentage of that expansion. Councilwoman Montes said that when we did the last agreement with them there were other towns involved besides us. No. We were the only one that was in the Fire/Ems agreement.

Motion to approve the shared services for fire/ems with the town of Dover. Motion made by Councilwoman Cheatham, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on roll call:

Councilwoman Cheatham	Yes
Councilwoman Hedgepath	Yes
Councilwoman Garcia Montes	Yes

Motion to open the meeting to the public by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

PUBLIC PORTION -

Jim Janone - Voucher #2-5-2020 for Dell. How many computers was that for? 5. Also voucher #2-6-2020 for Glass Gardens for Recreation. What was that for? It is for a luncheon we are having for our seniors. Councilwoman Montes asked if that was publically known and was it put on the website? No, it wasn't put on the website and no fliers went out. We have a listing of our seniors and something was mailed to them. You said with the trees on Franklin, you said there are 19 coming down? Yes. I saw a few that are pretty big and they aren't marked. They may not be ours. There is no roots on one of the trees and it is about where Jim Glass' property is. Leon went out and checked all of them. He marked the ones that need to come down. The tree you are talking about is probably on a residents property. There is also another tree that is leaning into a private property. Well, we aren't taking trees down on private property. The homeowner would be responsible for that tree. Isn't there a utility station there? No. The utility station is on Polk Avenue. The tree is on Monroe. Has anyone seen what is in the bay at the fire house. Yes, we know what is in there. We have been having conversations about it. Dover came to us and wanted us to clean the 3rd bay out. We sent the men up to look at the stuff in the bay and it is all labeled Dover Fire Department property. We sent them a letter asking them what they want done with the stuff. We haven't heard back from them yet. They want the 3rd bay to store a piece of equipment. There are chairs and tables in the bay and a trailer of some sort. Who knows what else is in there. Can you explain to me about 3rd party payments? How is that being calculated? The Borough is supposed to get a percentage of money back. Yes, if there are calls in Victory Gardens. We would have to get their call sheets. How can you approve this contract if you haven't seen that other contract? 3rd party billing is for ambulance. If they get money in we will get a portion. Last years contract had the same thing. They are just doing the 3rd party billing this year.

The Mayor said we are sitting down with the Mayor and the Administrator shortly. We will go over all this with them. We will get the contract and see how it is broken down. The Attorney said this is something new for them. Why don't they pay for the utilities? The Mayor said it is our building. If they weren't up there and it was vacant, we would be paying the bills. It also says in the contract that they pay charge for these services. This 3rd party billing will be only a reimbursement for Victory Gardens if the person is billed the Clerk said. What was said the last time, and we will verify, is that if a person does not have insurance they will not be billed.

The Mayor asked how Jim knows what the 3rd party billing will be? It is based on the previous year. The Mayor said they didn't do it last year so there is nothing to look back on. Jim said more should have been looked into before you agreed to the contract. The Mayor said he thinks it was a good deal.

The Mayor asked Jim if he remembers when we were at the firehouse and all of the residents were down and they were happy when we were going with Dover. They said there were times when our department couldn't get out quick enough. Why don't you tell them about how upset everyone was?

No other comments from the public.

Motion to close the meeting to the public by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Council woman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Motion was made to reopen the meeting to the public by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote.

John Filipski - Mike Foote is here with me tonight. Together we are President and Vice President of the North Jersey Chapter for antique fire apparatus. We came here tonight because we wanted to know if we could use the firehouse for our meetings. How many meetings a year? Maybe 4. It would just be the meeting room. Maybe we would want to use it on a Sunday morning. We aren't sure. This is an older group of people. We may be able to try to pay a utility bill. Just as a way to pay back for letting us use the firehouse. How many people would be at a meeting? Approximately 12.

Public Portion Continued;

John Filipski Continued - We would be able to help with the parties and maybe cleaning up. We wanted to come by tonight because we knew you would be going over the agreement with Dover. The Attorney said that you would have to speak with Dover about the use of the firehouse. They have exclusive control of the building.

Councilwoman Hedgepath says the Dover Fire Department doesn't use the meeting room, they use the bays only.

John said we were also thinking about a cantten until for Morris County and maybe other counties. Councilwoman Montes asked what is a cantten unit? A food truck. We would like to be able to be there for fire calls where you feed the departments fighting the fire. Or if there is a big storm we would be there to help out. The Attorney said we could do an addendum to the contract but you really have to speak to Dover.

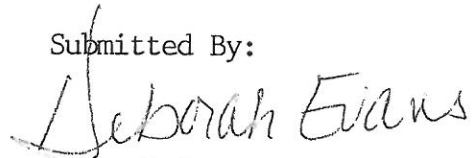
The Mayor said we will sit with the Mayor and Administrator and see what we come up with.

Councilwoman Hedgepath asked John about Sunday mornings. How often would you go there for coffee with the group? I don't know. It would be just to meet.

Motion to close the meeting to the public by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Cheatham and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Councilwoman Montes, seconded by Councilwoman Hedgepath and approved on verbal vote. None opposed.

Submitted By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deborah Evans". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Deborah Evans
Borough Clerk